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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: Unknown

Application No.: 09/926,373

Examiner: Unknown

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For: DIE-STAMPING METHOD AND TOOLS, USE THEREOF FOR STAMPING  
BENCHES AND STAMPED ARTICLES SUCH AS BENCHES THUS OBTAINED

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 16, 2002

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 3-5, 7-16, 18, 19, 21-27 and 29-31 as follows:

3. (Amended) The stamping process as specified in claim 1, wherein the front blank holder (AV) 30 is also widened (toward the front).
4. (Amended) The stamping process as specified in claim 1, wherein the geometric adaptation of the blank holder AR represents one-half the form created by the punching die 4 in its AV part.
5. (Amended) The stamping process as specified in claim 1 adapted for manufacture of multiple-seat benches, in particular ones with two to six or eight seats or